

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0027] of the specification with the following paragraphs:

[0027] Fig. 5 shows a side view of the connecting member rotated through 90° compared to Fig. 4;

[0028] Fig. 6 shows a top view of the connecting screw of Fig. 3; and

[0029] Fig. 7 shows a top view of the connecting screw of Figs. 4 and 5.

Please replace paragraph [0029] with the following paragraph:

[0029] As shown in Figs. 2, 3 and 6, assigned to the front face 18 of the hollow profile 10 is a hollow profile 10_a of the same shape which crosses over its profile longitudinal axis A. In order to be able to fix the two hollow profiles 10, 10_a to one another, use is made of a specially designed connecting screw 30. This is made of a hard metal - compared to the hollow profile 10, 10_a - and comprises a screw shaft 32 having a length i of for example 25 mm and a disc-shaped screw head 36 having a diameter g of in this case 15 mm and a height n of 5 mm. Said screw shaft 32 is provided with a cutting thread 34 (shown only schematically in Figs. 2, 3 for the sake of clarity), the outer diameter d₁ of which is greater than the diameter d of said profile channel 14. The cutting thread 34 has cut into the inner surface of said profile channel in the illustrated connecting position, and the shaft longitudinal axis M runs in the profile longitudinal axis A.

Please replace paragraph [0034] with the following paragraph:

[0034] A different embodiment of the connecting bolt 30_a is shown in Figs. 4, 5 and 7. The screw head 36_a thereof has a relatively high annular section 40 which is adjoined by a conical wall section 42 of approximately the same height n₂. The latter ends at a free head surface 50_a; the above-described top body is omitted here.